
Tennessee Early Learning Developmental Standards Amendment

The Background:

The State Board of Education adopted the Tennessee Early Learning Developmental Standards (TN-ELDS) in October 2004. The Tennessee Department of Education, Office of Early Learning, recently convened a Work Group to make recommendations for amending the current TN-ELDS in the areas of Mathematics, Early Literacy and Language for four year old students enrolled in a school administered pre-k program. This recommendation stems from the recognition that the current TN-ELDS do not directly link with the newly adopted Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Kindergarten in the areas of English, Language Arts and Mathematics. The recommended amendments ensure alignment of the four year old TN-ELDS with the CCSS. The Work Group members agreed that the proposed amended TN-ELDS will better assist teachers by providing the information they need to best prepare students to enter kindergarten ready to meet the CCSS.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of the standards on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.